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Title of Invention: Transgenic Rodent Comprising A Polynucleotide Encoding A Human UCP3 Polypeptide

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to calculating filing fees and examining this application please amend the application as follows.

**In the Specification:**

Please add the following paragraph to page 1, directly under the Title of the Invention with the following paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS--

This application is a National Stage Application filed under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/GB00/03747, filed on September 29, 2000--.

After page 18, please insert the Abstract that accompanies this Preliminary Amendment.